

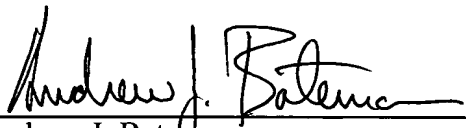
REMARKS

Consideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

Claims 48-88 are currently pending, wherein claims 48, 60, 71 and 83 are independent. Claims 48-88 have been added. Claims 1-47 have been canceled. These amendments are not made and new claims are not added for any purpose related to patentability and are directed to alternative exemplary embodiments that the inventors deem as an aspect of the present invention. Support for the new claims can be found at least on page 6, paragraph 0036 to page 12, paragraph 0051. No new matter has been introduced by way of these new claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this preliminary amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is urged to contact the Applicants' attorney, Andrew J. Bateman, by telephone at (202) 625-3547. All correspondence should be directed to the address given below.

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